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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE:

Application of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Incorporated for Approval of

GCRMs

Docket No. 2006-401-G

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") hereby notifies the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") that ORS has reviewed the filing submitted by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. ("Piedmont" or "Company") for approval of the GCRM 152.

Overview of Company's Request

The Company requests that the Commission issue an order approving a benchmark cost of gas increase from the current \$2.00 per dekatherm to \$3.00 per dekatherm and for this change to become effective with the first billing cycle for July 2021.

ORS Recommendation

ORS has reviewed Piedmont's filing requesting approval of the GCRM 152. ORS monitors natural gas market conditions and has noted there have been increases in the cost of natural gas since the Commission approved Piedmont's GCRM 151 on December 18, 2019. ORS has reviewed Piedmont's calculations, including the adjustment for lost and unaccounted for gas, and met with Company personnel to discuss the GCRM 152 update and the changes from the currently approved GCRM 151. Based on its review, ORS recommends the Commission approve the Company's proposed GCRM 152.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

cc: All Parties of Record (via e-mail)

David Butler, Esquire (via e-mail)